

Applicants submit that the burden of searching for all claims is not undue, and all claims can and should be examined in one application. Increasing the potential number of applications by the present requirement for restriction will not reduce the USPTO backlog in the prosecution of cases currently on file.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants traverse the March 18 requirement for restriction and courteously solicit reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement accompanied by a favorable first action on the merits as to all claims.

Subject to the traverse, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, which they understand relates to product claims.

To the extent necessary during prosecution, Applicants hereby request any required extension of time not otherwise requested and hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any required fees not otherwise authorized, including application processing, extension, and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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